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EXCISE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 16th May 2007

S. R. O. No. 377/2007 — Whereas a number of persons died in Rambha area of Ganjam District from the 16th March 2006 to the 22nd March 2006 and in Golabandha area of the same district on the 23rd and 24th April 2006 as a result of consumption of spurious country liquor sold by unlicensed dealers;

And whereas, the State Government were deeply concerned with the incident and were of the opinion that the same being a definite matter of public importance should be enquired into by a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act);

And whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3, read with sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act, the State Government appointed a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Shri Justice Prasanna Kumar Patra a retired Judge of the Orissa High Court as the sole member (hereinafter referred to as the said Commission) vide Excise Department Notification No. 2544-Ex., dated the 4th May 2006 published in the Extraordinary issue No. 623 of the *Orissa Gazette*, dated the 6th May 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the said Notification) to enquire into and report in respect of the matters mentioned in the said Notification within three months from the date of publication of the said Notification in the *Orissa Gazette*;

And whereas, the time stipulated in the said Notification was extended for a period of six months in the Excise Department Notification No. 4822-Ex., dated the 24th August 2006 published in the Extraordinary issue No. 1293 of the *Orissa Gazette*, dated the 11th September 2006 ;

And whereas, the said time was further extended for a period of three months in the Excise Department Notification No 754-Ex., dated the 23rd February 2007 published in the Extraordinary issue No. 589 of the *Orissa Gazette*, dated the 2nd April 2007;

And whereas, it is felt necessary to extend the time stipulated in the said Notification for a further period of three months ;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the State Government do hereby make the following amendment to the said Notification, namely:—

AMENDMENT

In the said Notification for the words “one year” appearing in the recital portion, the words “one year and three months” shall be substituted.

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By order of the Governor

G. V. V. SARMA

Commission-cum-Secretary to Government

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